(ii) It is prayed that at least the honge, hunalu and kagli trees may be excluded from the list of classified trees and the raiyats allowed to cut and remove green firewood from District Forests for agricultural purposes.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) As agreed to by the Conservator of Forests the tops and lops of honne trees out of the annual coupe fellings will be given free in the Shikarpur, Sorab and Sagar Taluks for ploughs and agricultural implements.

(*b*) Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Free grant of hongarike sticks for sugar-cane mills.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department has provided no facilities to the raiyats for taking hongarike sticks for use in places where sugar-cane is milled. This has retarded the sugar industry. The hongarike is of no use to the Forest Department, as it catches fire in the summer and springs up again in the winter. The poor raiyats may be allowed to take this free.

Permission should be given to take the sticks from State Forests as they are not found in sufficient quantities in District Forests. They are usually consumed in forest fires and are of no value as timber.

Reply of Government.—Permission cannot be given to take them from State Forests as a matter of course. But such permission will be given by the Conservator when there is no objection to remove them from specified tracts.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Free grant of hebbidaru.

Messrs. Srinivasa Dikshit and Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Orders have now been passed directing the free grant of hebbidaru in the malnad tracts. This concession may be extended to the semi-maidan taluks also.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator will be requested to extend the concession to the semi-malnad taluks of Shikarpur and Shimoga.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Inconvenience caused to the malnad raiyats by forest reservation.

(1) Messrs. Seshappa and Subraya Bhatta, Tirthahalli Taluk.
(2) Mr. C. Nagappa, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) For the benefit of the malnad raiyats grazing and soppin betta lands have been left free from time immemorial and they have been given the right to use green leaves for manure and to take firewood for domestic purposes. These rights, however, are now interfered with even in the vicinity of inhabited villages by the inclusion of these lands in the forest areas that are now being reserved. Even free grazing lands have been greatly diminished. Whenever reservations are made the mamool rights of the raiyats should not be curtailed. Subject No. 180 of 1906 dealing with this question was referred to the Revenue Commissioner and the Conservator of Forests for opinion; but no orders have yet